20 October 1953

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Dear Bobby:

At yesterday's meeting you mentioned receiving a letter from a member of the Board highly critical of the final Solarium paper. As a partial antedote, I am writing this.

When I got home last evening, one appeared to be in an extraordinarily benigh from of mind, so I inquired as to the reasons for his general air of satisfection and was told:

"I have just been reading an MSC paper which is so far superior to anything I have ever seen engage from the last before that I have a new feeling of confidence in the powers that be and the future of the country."

To my question, "What paper?" he replied, "162."

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as you well know, is not easy to please either in matters of policy judgment or questions of technical draftementals.

In all seriousness, it is difficult for me to take a detached view of the paper, but to the extent I can, I honestly believe it is well worth all the effort and heat that went into it. It sticks to the point, grapples with the really significant questions and is singularly lacking in boiler plate phraseology. With somewhat over 95 per cent of it, I am in whole-hearted agreement. As to the relatively few sections which I would handle differently, I fully recognize that the final version represents a true corporate view.

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I cannot help but congratulate syself on being the one who first recommended that the behavior be brought down to fill his present role.

With many thanks for your consideration of my visus, especially when they concerned matters far removed from intelligence, and with hopes for many more tough sessions as we supplement 162 with special area policy papers,

Sincerely,

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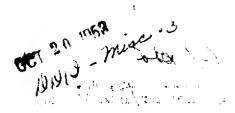
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